

Press Release - January 26, 2015

Nashua Declares Snow Emergency

The City of Nashua has declared a snow emergency starting Monday, January 26, at 11:00 p.m. until further notice. This snow emergency may be adjusted if weather conditions change.

PUBLIC WORKS

It is very challenging to keep streets clear with heavy snowstorm conditions. Forecasts are calling for deteriorating conditions on Monday evening through Wednesday morning. Please remain off the roads during this time for your safety and to make room for equipment working to keep roads open. At some points during the storm, nearly 2 inches of snow are predicted to fall per hour. Residents should only expect primary routes to be cleared initially during this storm. Residential side streets will not be plowed immediately. Regularly plowed sidewalks will not be plowed until Friday at best. **Residents are asked to remain in their homes and off the roads for the duration of this storm due to its intensity.**

Parking of cars on the street and in the municipal surface lots is prohibited during this time. The overnight parking program is suspended during this snow emergency. **FREE** parking will be available in the Elm Street and High Street garages during the snow emergency. **No on-street or municipal surface lot parking is allowed during the emergency.**

During the hours of the snow emergency, the City of Nashua will be towing vehicles remaining on the street and in the municipal surface lots. Owners of towed vehicles may retrieve their cars at the Solid Waste Department (Landfill) and must pay a fine of \$295 (cash, money order or credit card only). Please note that cars may be picked up at the landfill scale house at all times during the snow emergency. After the snow emergency has been lifted, cars may be picked up during normal business hours.

Depending on the duration of the storm and snowfall amounts, crews may need extensive time once the storm ends to clean all street and regularly plowed sidewalk routes. Please call the Public Works snow line at 589-4795 for up to date information. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as our dedicated Public Works crews work around the clock to clear snow during this major snow event.

SOLID WASTE

Due to the significant nature of this storm, the solid waste schedule has been modified:

- Tuesday Trash & Recycling will be postponed for **ONE WEEK**. Residents should expect their next trash pickup to be on Tuesday February 3rd.
- Wednesday Trash & Recycling will be postponed for **ONE DAY**. Residents should expect their trash to be picked up on Thursday January 29th.
- Thursday Trash & Recycling will be postponed for **ONE DAY**. Residents should expect their trash to be picked up on Friday January 30th.
- Friday Trash & Recycling will be postponed for **ONE DAY**. Residents should expect their trash to be picked up on Saturday January 31st.

Please do not put out trash bins overnight to ensure plows have room. The landfill (840 West Hollis Street) will be open normal hours this week. Residents that cannot wait and do need to dispose of their waste can bring their trash to the landfill when it is safe to do so. Please stay tuned to the City website at www.nashuanh.gov for updates in the solid waste schedule.

CITY HALL

City Hall and non-essential City Departments will be closed on Tuesday, January 27 due to the weather conditions. Please check www.nashuanh.gov or the city information line (603-589-3000) for any changes in Wednesday's opening time for City Hall and other departments.

Due to the forecasted inclement weather, David Deane, Board of Aldermen President, has cancelled meetings of the Board of Aldermen and its subcommittees. Tuesday night's full Board of Aldermen meeting has been rescheduled to Mon., Feb. 2, at 7:30 pm in the Chamber.

SCHOOLS

Superintendent Mark Conrad has cancelled schools on Tuesday, January 27.

TRANSIT

Nashua Transit System has cancelled service for Tuesday, January 27th. If you have any questions about transit service, please call 603-880-0100.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Emergency Management officials are urging citizens to prepare for the storm now. The City of Nashua will keep all informed via www.nashuanh.gov and the Nashua Emergency Info Line at 603-589-3456.

Justin Kates, Director of Emergency Management for the City of Nashua, has tips on what citizens can do to be prepared for this storm.

Recommendations:

- **Only use 911 for emergencies! If you are calling about the storm but do NOT have an emergency, contact the Nashua Emergency Info Line at 603-589-3456.**
- **Stay off the road-** plow crews and emergency vehicles will be working to clear the roads and respond to emergencies.
- **Have an emergency kit-** that includes flashlights and spare batteries, a battery powered radio and extra supplies of food and water.
- **Check on your neighbors and family-** make a plan prior to the storm to check-in on elderly neighbors or family
- **Report ALL power outages-** in the event power is lost or a power line falls contact PSNH at 1-800-662-7764. Each household must report their own power outage!
- **Clear the streets-** Remove basketball hoops, trash cans, and any other snow removal obstructions from city streets.
- **Generator safety -** If you lose power and utilize a generator, be sure that you don't run it indoors and be sure it is installed by a licensed electrician. The carbon monoxide produced by the generator exhaust is a silent killer.
- **Clear your nearby fire hydrant-** during a fire, every second counts. Clear your nearby fire hydrant of snow to ensure the Fire Department can access it during an emergency
- **Clear your emergency access gates -** If you have an emergency access gate that provides access to your facility or neighborhood, please be sure that snow is not piled in front of it. This ensures emergency vehicles can still access your neighborhood.
- **Clear storm drains -** While plowing or shoveling snow, please be sure remove snow over storm drains. This will help prevent significant street flooding as the snow melts.
- **Stay informed-** Information will be regularly posted on the city's website at www.nashuanh.gov/emergency and on the City social media accounts: on Twitter @nashuaom and www.facebook.com/nashuaom.
- **Sign up** for the Nashua CodeRED notification system for immediate updates on the storm on your landline phone, cell phone, and/or email. You can sign up at www.nashuanh.gov/codered

Preparedness is everyone's responsibility. Take the time now to ensure that you and your family will be safe during this winter storm.

What the City of Nashua Is Doing

The City of Nashua Emergency Management Team has been coordinating with the National Weather Service Office and monitoring the track of the storm and potential impacts. In addition, departments within the city have been reviewing their emergency plans, testing generators, and readying snow removal equipment. As the storm approaches, the city will provide citizens with additional information as necessary. Information will be posted on the city's website at www.nashuanh.gov.